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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING A FLOATING
DRILLING RIG TO A BOTTOM SUPPORTED DRILLING RIG

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>	
Specification	16	
Claims	8	
Abstract	1	
Declaration	3	(Missing one inventor's signature)
Drawing(s)	7	(Figures 1 through 10)

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- Assignment cover sheet and nunc pro tunc assignment, 6 pages, and a separate \$40 fee.
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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/427,098, filed November 18, 2002.

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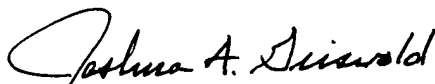
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